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APPLN. OF: MEYER et al.

SERIAL NO.: 10/020,691

FILED: December 14, 2001

FOR: Bar Coded Bill Payment System and Method

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**PETITION TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP UNDER 37 CFR 1.48(a)**

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition to correct the inventorship of the above-identified application by removing as a named inventor the following individual: Lou Krouse, 6537 Abbottswood Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes, California 90275, a citizen of the United States of America.

The following documents accompany this Petition in support thereof:

1. A Verified Statement of Facts by the originally named inventors of the instant application, John Meyer and Lou Krouse; and
2. A Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney by the actual inventor.

As set forth in the accompanying Verified Statement of Facts by the originally named inventors, Lou Krouse was named as an inventor of the above-identified application through inadvertent error, without deceptive intent on the part of the actual inventor of said application or anyone involved with preparation or prosecution thereof.  
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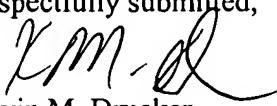
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It is respectfully requested that the Commissioner grant this Petition.

Form PTO-2038 authorizing credit card payment in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the Petition Fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(h) is enclosed.

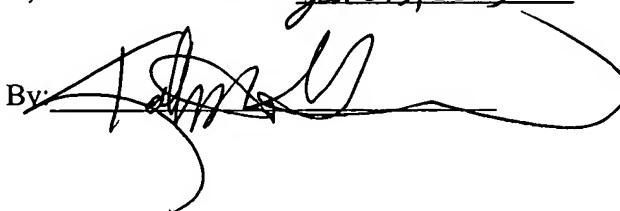
In the event there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge them (or credit any overpayment) to our Deposit Account No. 08-1391.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kevin M. Drucker  
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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on June 13, 2003 at Tucson, Arizona.

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**VERIFIED STATEMENT BY ORIGINALLY NAMED INVENTORS JOHN  
MEYER AND LOU KROUSE IN SUPPORT OF PETITION TO CORRECT  
INVENTORSHIP UNDER 37 CFR 1.48(a)**

Dear Sir:

We, JOHN MEYER and LOU KROUSE, hereby declare the following:

1. We are the originally named inventors of the above-identified application entitled "Bar Coded Bill Payment System and Method" (hereinafter "the application").
2. The application was filed informally naming ourselves as inventors based upon a miscommunication with our patent attorney, who believed that we were both the inventors of same. Upon further consideration and after the application was filed, our attorney conducted further interviews with the individuals involved in the subject matter of said application. Our attorney determined that the application erroneously named Lou Krouse as an inventor, and upon such determination, promptly recommended that we petition to the Patent Office to correct the inventorship of the pending application.

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3. The naming of Lou Krouse as an inventor of the above-identified application at the time of filing thereof was without any deceptive intent on our part, or anyone else involved in preparation or prosecution of the application.

4. In view of the foregoing, we respectfully request that the Commissioner grant the accompanying Petition to Correct Inventorship of the above-identified application under 37 CFR 1.48, and thereby remove Lou Krouse as a named inventor for the above-identified application.

We declare that all statements made therein are true and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 USC §1001 and that such false statements may jeopardize the validity of this document and of the parent application to which it relates.

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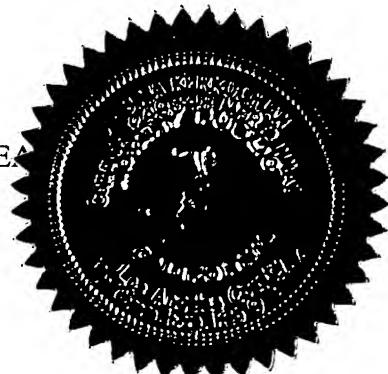
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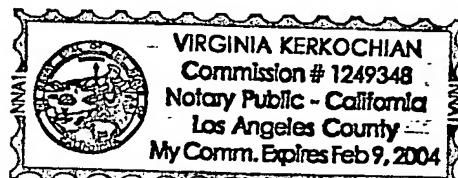
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COUNTY OF Los Angeles )

On this 30th day of May, 2003, John Meyer personally appeared before me, a Notary Public, in and for the above-mentioned county, to me known, and known to me to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing document, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed same for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

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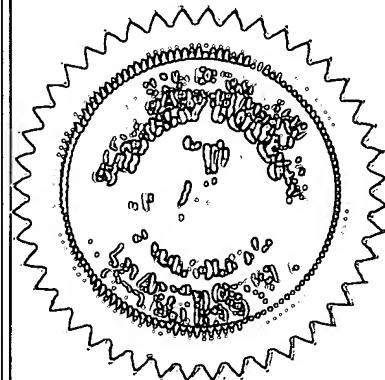
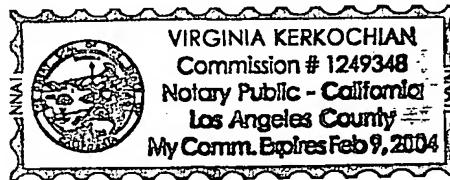
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On this 30th day of May, 2003, Lou Krouse personally appeared before me, a Notary Public, in and for the above-mentioned county, to me known, and known to me to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing document, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed same for the uses and purposes therein expressed.



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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION **REC**

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Group Art Unit: 2164 Examiner: \_\_\_\_\_

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **Bar Coded Bill Payment System and Method**, the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, S. 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s):

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 of any United States application(s), or 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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And I hereby appoint HAYES, SOLOWAY, HENNESSEY, GROSSMAN & HAGE, P.C., a firm composed of Oliver W. Hayes, Reg. No. 15,867; Norman P. Soloway, Reg. No. 24,315; William O. Hennessey, Reg. No. 32,032; Susan H. Hage, Reg. No. 29,646; Steven J. Grossman, Reg. No. 35,001; and Donald J. Perreault, Reg. No. 40,126, or any of them, of 175 Canal Street, Manchester, New Hampshire 03101 (Telephone: 603-668-1400); or Edmund Paul Pfleger, Reg. No. 41,252; Dale F. Regelman, Reg. No. 45,625; or Kevin M. Drucker, Reg. No. P-47,537, or any of them, of 130 W. Cushing Street, Tucson, Arizona 85701 (Telephone: 520-882-7623) my attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent Office connected therewith.

Please direct all future correspondence in connection with this application to the attention of **Kevin M. Drucker**, HAYES, SOLOWAY, HENNESSEY, GROSSMAN & HAGE, P.C., 130 W. Cushing Street, Tucson, Arizona 85701 (Telephone: 520-882-7623).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Full name of sole or first inventor: **John Meyer**

First Inventor's signature John F Meyer Date 6/1/03

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## **IMPORTANT NOTICE RE DUTY OF CANDOR AND GOOD FAITH**

The Duty of Disclosure requirements of Section 1.56(a), of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations are as follows:

A duty of candor and good faith toward the Patent and Trademark Office rests on the inventor, on each attorney or agent who prepares or prosecutes the application and on every other individual who is substantively involved in the preparation or prosecution of the application and who is associated with the inventor, with the assignee or with anyone to whom there is an obligation to assign the application. All such individuals have a duty to disclose to the Office information they are aware of which is material to the examination of the application. Such information is material where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent. The duty is commensurate with the degree of involvement in the preparation or prosecution of the application.

By virtue of this regulation each inventor executing the Declaration for the filing of a Patent Application acknowledges his duty to disclose information of which he is aware and which may be material to the examination of the application.

Inherent in this is the duty to disclose any knowledge or belief that the invention:

- (a) was ever known or used in the United States of America before his invention thereof;
- (b) was patented or described in any printed publication in any country before his invention thereof or more than one year prior to the actual filing date of the U.S. patent application;
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- (d) has been patented or made the subject of inventor's certificate issued before the actual filing date of the U.S. patent application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by him or his legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months before the actual filing date in the United States.

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